REMARKS

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-11, 13-21, 23-30 and 32-65 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-35 of US Serial No. 11/079,953. Such application was expressly abandoned on April 10, 2006. A copy of the express abandonment is attached hereto for the Examiner's reference (Exhibit A). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot.

Also in the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-8, 11, 13-17, 19-21, 23-27, 29-30, 32-36, 38-49, 51-57 and 59-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Magid (US 3,560,322). In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 9, 18, 28, 37, 50 and 58 as being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of claims 3, 9, 18, 28, 37, 50 and 58. Therefore, such claims have been canceled herein and rewritten as independent claims 66, 72, 79, 87, 94, 102 and 109, respectively. In addition, newly added claims 67-71, 73-78, 80-86, 88-93,

103-108 and 110-116 depend from allowable independent claims 66, 72, 79, 87, 94, 102 and 109, respectively, and therefore Applicant respectfully submits that such dependent claims are also allowable over the art of record and are also in a condition for allowance.

Regarding the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, but for the sake of expediting issuance of a patent from the subject application, claims 1-2, 4-8, 11, 13-17, 19-21, 23-27, 29-30, 32-36, 38-49, 51-57 and 59-62 have been canceled herein, without prejudice.

However, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 63-65. Such claims are rewritten, independent claims based on originally filed dependent claims 12, 22 and 31. In the previous Office Action mailed December 20, 2004, the Examiner objected to claims 12, 22 and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In support thereof, the Examiner stated that "the prior art uncovered so far fails to teach the texture or appearance of matte finish is provided by printing with matted ink or lacquering with matted lacquer" (see Page 5, item 5 of December 20, 2004 Office Action). In the present Office Action, the Examiner restates that "the prior art fails to teach that the matte finish is provided by printing with matted ink or lacquering with matted lacquer" (see Page 4, item 6 of Office Action mailed June 26, 2006). As claims 63-65 recite "printing with a matted

ink or lacquering with a matted lacquer", Applicant respectfully submits that such claims are non-obvious over Magid, as the Examiner has clearly stated twice that the prior art does not teach this inventive concept.

Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of pending claims 63-65 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 63-116, as now pending, are patentable over the art of record and are in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the Remarks contained therein, Applicant's representative would welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

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